

COWBOY NEWS & OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL ANGEL GARCIA III

Cowboy Nation, October is here, and we are building on the strong start we made together. This month brings opportunities to celebrate school spirit, prepare for the future, and stay focused on the daily habits that lead to success. From College Month and Homecoming to senior yearbook pictures, student clubs, athletics, and college visits, there is something for every student to connect with at Western. As we move through the quarter, students should continue to attend every day, arrive on time, stay engaged in class, and ask for support when needed. Thank you to our families, staff, and students for continuing to make Western a place where our Cowboys can grow, lead, and thrive.

LET'S MAKE OCTOBER A MONTH OF PURPOSE, PRIDE, AND PROGRESS.

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE

COLLEGE MONTH

October is College Month! Students are encouraged to apply to colleges and complete the FAFSA. Students and staff are invited to wear college gear every Friday.

MSU VISITS WESTERN

Michigan State University will visit Western on Tuesday, October 13 during 4th hour in the auditorium to speak with seniors about college opportunities.

SENIOR PICTURES

Senior yearbook pictures are October 28-29. Seniors will receive an assigned date. Every senior may take a yearbook picture. Optional physical package: \$45.

SENIOR YEARBOOK PICTURE PACKAGE

\$45

OPTIONAL PHYSICAL PICTURE PACKAGE

56 wallet-size photos • 12 photos (5 x 7) • 5 photos (8.5 x 11)

All seniors may take a yearbook picture whether or not they purchase a package.

ASSIGNED PICTURE DATES WILL BE SHARED WITH SENIORS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH.

COUNT DAY
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
Attendance matters — every Cowboy counts!

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14
Families, connect with teachers about student progress.

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OCTOBER STUDENT CALENDAR

October 2026		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	2					
3	4			HOCO Tickets Sale Begin		
5	6	12 SPIRIT WEEK: Disney vs Marvel	13 SPIRIT WEEK: Tropical Day	14 SPIRIT WEEK: Throwback 2016 Vibez	15 SPIRIT WEEK: Class Competition	16 SPIRIT WEEK: Dress for the Wrong Occasion
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						Costume Day Día de Disfraces

STUDENT QUICK HITS

Outdoor Adventure Club

Tuesday, Oct. 5 • 3:30-4:30 PM • Room 2055 (Ms. Cuda). Any interested student is welcome.

Chess Club

Tuesdays & Thursdays • 3:30-5:30 PM • Room 3016. All skill levels welcome.

11th Grade Town Hall

Coming up next week. Juniors should watch for the official date, time, and location.

MAJORETTE TRYOUTS • OCT. 6



HOMECOMING DETAILS

Thursday, October 23 • 7:00-11:00 PM • School Gym • No heels. Tickets are cash only: \$35 with a Chick-fil-A meal or \$25 without a meal. Homecoming spirit activities run throughout October; see the calendar above for key dates.

REMINDER: SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS STILL APPLY DURING ALL SPIRIT EVENTS.

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HOMECOMING FOOTBALL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 • 5:00 PM • CLARK PARK

Come out and celebrate Homecoming with the Western Cowboys!

FOOTBALL

- Oct. 2 • 5 PM at Cass Tech
- Oct. 9 • 5 PM at Ford / Henry Ford HS
- Oct. 15 • 5 PM Homecoming • Clark Park
- Oct. 23 • 7 PM at Northwestern

BOYS SOCCER

- Oct. 2 • 7 PM vs. Dearborn Fordson
- Oct. 8 • 7 PM vs. Royal Oak
- Oct. 14 • 7 PM vs. Grosse Ile

GIRLS SWIMMING

- Oct. 1 • 5:30 at King
- Oct. 3 • 11 AM Wayne County Meet • Trenton
- Oct. 6 • 5:30 Harper Woods • Home
- Oct. 14 • 6 PM Cousino • Senior Night • Home
- Oct. 15 • 5:30 at Cass Tech
- Oct. 22 • 5:30 League Meet #6 • Home
- Oct. 24 • 11 AM Cass & Dundee • Home

CROSS COUNTRY

- Oct. 3 • 9 AM PSL Island Run • Belle Isle
- Oct. 6 • 4:15 Blue Division Championship
- Oct. 10 • 9 AM PSL Challenge • Belle Isle
- Oct. 15 • 4:15 PSL Championship • Belle Isle
- Oct. 31 • 9 AM Regionals • Location TBD

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

- Oct. 1 • 5 PM Freshman vs. Cass Tech @ King • JV at King
- Oct. 6 • 5 PM Varsity at Southeastern
- Oct. 7 • 5 PM JV / Varsity at Mumford
- Oct. 10 • 9 AM JV PSL Championship @ Cass Tech
- Oct. 13 • 5 PM Varsity at Henry Ford

WHO DO I CONTACT? • WESTERN SUPPORT TEAM

Western students and families have a team of adults ready to support academic success, attendance, behavior, scheduling, and social-emotional needs. Use the grade-level contacts below to connect with the right person.

GRADE-LEVEL LEADERSHIP

9th Grade	AP Miroslav Bozinovic	Dean Hector Gutierrez
10th Grade	AP Cynthia Alexander	Dean Christina Vasquez
11th Grade	AP Elyon Johnson	Dean Courtney Webster
12th Grade	AP Robert Santavicca	Dean Benny White
Newcomers	Grade-Level AP Support	Dean Reginald Robotham

COUNSELING TEAM

A-Ch	Mayrenes Firguereo	Ci-Gi	Laticia Swain
Go-J	Terrence McCabe	K-N	Florence Aferi
O-R	Clifford Novack	S-Z	Nicholas Olson
SEL	Susan Danuloff		

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